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S. 1760

To authorize early repayment of obligations to the Bureau of Reclamation within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District or within Medford Irrigation District.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 22, 2005

Mr. SMITH (for himself and Mr. WYDEN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southern Oregon Bu-
5 reau of Reclamation Repayment Act of 2005”.

6 **SEC. 2. EARLY REPAYMENT.**

7 Notwithstanding the provisions of section 213 of the
8 Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390mm), any
9 landowner within Rogue River Valley Irrigation District

1 or within Medford Irrigation District, in Oregon, may
2 repay, at any time, the construction costs of the project
3 facilities allocated to that landowner's lands within the
4 district in question. Upon discharge, in full, of the obliga-
5 tion for repayment of the construction costs allocated to
6 all lands the landowner owns in the district in question,
7 those lands shall not be subject to the ownership and full-
8 cost pricing limitations of the Act of June 17, 1902 (43
9 U.S.C. 371 et seq.), and Acts supplemental to and amend-
10 atory of that Act, including the Reclamation Reform Act
11 of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390aa et seq.).

12 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION.**

13 Nothing herein modifies contractual rights that may
14 exist between Rogue River Valley Irrigation District and
15 Medford Irrigation District and the United States under
16 their respective Reclamation contracts, or amends or re-
17 opens those contracts; nor does it modify any rights, obli-
18 gations or relationships that may exist between the dis-
19 tricts and their landowners as may be provided or gov-
20 erned by Oregon state law.

21 **SEC. 4. CERTIFICATION.**

22 Upon the request of a landowner who has repaid, in
23 full, the construction costs of the project facilities allo-
24 cated to that landowner's lands owned within the district,
25 the Secretary of the Interior shall provide the certification

1 provided for in subsection (b)(1) of section 213 of the Rec-
2 lamation Reform Act of 1982 (43 U.S.C. 390 mm(b)(1)).

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